Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program-Modified Academic Achievement Standards Assessment TCAP-MAAS Procedures to be Used for Fall 2009 August 5, 2009

The Spring '09 field test of the TCAP-MAAS has been completed. Although Federal regulations include further development of eligibility requirements by analyzing field test results, LEAs may proceed in making IEP Team recommendations for the use of one or more parts of the TCAP-MAAS for any student with a disability, grades 3-8. Recommendations should be made on an individual, as needed basis. Students will be made eligible to take the test beginning in the spring of 2010. Keep in mind that this test is for students in grades three (3) through eight (8) ONLY.

- 1. The initial guidance materials should be reviewed and distributed.
- 2. The eligibility criteria and initial guidance should be used to discuss testing issues with parents and make recommendations for taking the test in any Fall 2009 IEP meetings. A recommendation for use of one or more sections of the test can now be made.
- 3. If the team has reviewed the eligibility criteria and concludes the student would not be eligible for the test, notes should be made in the IEP. Making a decision once does not preclude making a recommendation for the test at a later date.
- 4. Keep in mind that the recommendation will be made for each individual student and for each individual content area (reading/language arts, math, etc.). Fields are being loaded into EasyIEP to facilitate the process.
- 5. In the fall or at any time decided up until time for assessment, the IEP team will be able to make the recommendation by use of an IEP addendum. Any parent or IEP team member has the right to request that a meeting be convened, but the IEP addendum procedure can also be used.
- 6. IEP Teams should keep in mind that use of this test should be a fluid process. Students should be able to move into use of this test or go to use of the general TCAP assessment, or 1% Alt Assessment at any time the team feels appropriate (within reasonable time frames for test ordering, etc.).

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